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A concentration camp, about 1,000 acres, is located about five miles east of Maklo. About 12,000 persons, predominately Germans, including 1,500 German PWs, are detained there, with men, women, and children quartered separately. About 1,700 persons have died here of starvation and bad treatment since 1945. The camp is guarded by 450 militia soldiers, the guard units being relieved by rotation every two months. They are quartered in barracks located about 1/2 mile east of the camp. A detail of the Polish Security Police (UB) was also stationed at the camp to conduct interrogations. In the spring of 1949 they organized shipments to deport about 1,500 camp inmates to an unknown destination. Numerous camp inmates, including source, had to do agricultural work on farms in the vicinity.

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Comment: Several reports received in the course of the past year indicate that many of the former German estates which lie in the "recovered Territories" of Poland remain under the control of the Red Army. The chief source of labor on these estates is the ethnic German population.

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